

Minutes
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
September 1, 2026, 6pm, Church Conference Room

Attendance: Fr. John Lijana, Joan Luther, Eileen Cackowski, Denise Johnson, Karen Pearl, David Artt, Hugh Mulligan and Bobbie Brennan

Opening Prayer – Hugh Mulligan

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from August 2026 meeting were approved and will be sent to the Parish Office for website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ministry training will be held monthly, except in December and January. Each liturgical ministry will have two training courses each year. Ministries included for training will be altar servers, sacristan, lector, eucharistic minister, usher/greeter. The first of these training courses will be for sacristans in September.

Fund raising ideas were discussed. It was mentioned that even small fund raisers could have a big impact. Volunteers would be needed for this endeavor. With the departure of Cricket Hater all ideas can be sent to Father John.

The annual church picnic will not be held this year due to time limitations and volunteer/staffing needs to run the event.

Suggestions were made to get more people involved. Perhaps getting OCIA candidates involved, where possible, would be a way for achieving this. Meeting with the OCIA group after they have entered the church and discussing what their options and preferences might be toward volunteering.

A Christmas giveaway item was discussed and will be on the agenda next month.

LIAISON REPORT:

- Liturgy
 - Additional faith formation opportunities and starting up.
 - Training/refresher courses will be held annually for Liturgical Ministers.
 - Adding incense to weekend masses and learning chant responses will provide a more reverent environment in the church. Liturgical ministers have been asked to wear appropriate and modest clothing when serving.
- School
 - School Gala will be in late April 2027.
Currently 153 students are enrolled.
 - The Principal and Deacon Kaldy will work with students at the school to train more altar servers.
 - At the time of our meeting, the school was looking for a new pre-K director.

- Finance
 - Church budget is lean this year.
 - School budget has been identified as having a large deficit.
 - The Annual Appeal will begin in September.
- Stewardship
 - Parish Picnic has been cancelled this year.
 - Stewardship Committee.

PASTORS COMMENTS:

Father John commented during the meeting on all the topics listed under new business and during the liaison reports no additional comments were made.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Labor Day – September 7, 2026

OCIA – September 13, 2026

Rosary Rally at the Capitol – October 10

Solemnity of All Saints – November 1

All Souls Day/Candle Memorial – November 2

Thanksgiving Day – November 26

Advent Begins – November 29

Closing Prayer - Father John

Next Meeting: October 6, 2026, at 6pm

Opening Prayer Volunteer: